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SUBJECT: OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, DAY IX: DEBATE ON MILIARY
INTERVENTION IN AFRICA CONCLUDED

REF: A. KHARTOUM 3180, B. KHARTOUM 3046 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (COM) WAS ABLE TO CONCLUDE
DEBATE ON MILIARY INTERVENTION IN AFRICA (REFTELS) MORNING
JULY 15. RESOLUTIONS DEMONSTRATE TRADITIONAL
OAU COMPROMISE AND DO NOT CONDEMN ANY COUNTRIES BY NAME.
RATHER THAN FURTHER DIVIDING OAU, SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF
DEBATE APPEARS TO HAVE ENDED IN REAFFIRMATION OF OAU CHARTER
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COMMITMENT TO TRUE NON-ALIGNMENT. END SUMMARY

1. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN ONU, COM " AGREED
UNANIMOUSLY, AFTER VERY USEFUL AND LENGTHY DEBATE," ON
FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS: BEGIN TEXT

(A) THE COUNCIL REAFFIRMS ITS DETERMINATION TO SEE
THAT AFRICA CONTINUES WITH THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE OF THE

REMAINING PARTS OF THE CONTINENT UNTIL FINAL VICTORY IS WON AND TO INCREASE ITS POLITICAL, MORAL, MATERIAL AND MILITARY SUPPORT TO THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

(B) THE COUNCIL REJECTS AND CONDEMNS THE PRESENCE OF MILITARY BASES AND FOREIGN ALLIANCES OR PACTS AND CALLS ON AFRICAN STATES TO IMPLEMENT THE LIBREVILLE RESOLUTION AHG 85 (XIV) OF THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT. IT FURTHER CALLS ON MEMBER STATES TO PUT AN END AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ANY ENGAGEMENT WHICH COULD BE IN CONTRADICTION WITH NON-ALIGNED POLICY OF THE OAU AND THE CHARTER OF THE OAU.

(C) URGES ALL AFRICAN STATES TO STRENGTHEN AND CONSOLIDATE THEIR COOPERATION IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD FOR THE GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT WHICH COULD ENSURE THE REALIZATION OF A NEW AFRICAN SOCIETY IN WHICH PROSPERITY AND SATISFACTION COULD BE GUARANTEED TO THE AFRICAN MAN WHO HAS MADE LOSSES OF SACRIFICES.

(D) AFFIRMS THE SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF EVERY AFRICAN STATE TO SELECT ANY POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SYSTEM SUITED FOR ITSELF AND FOR ITS PEOPLE.

(E) AFFIRMS ITS DETERMINATION TO ENSURE THE UNITY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND SECURITY OF MEMBER STATES AND REJECTS ALL FORMS OF SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES AND OTHER FORMS OF INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF MEMBER STATES.

(F) URGES MEMBER STATES TO HAVE RECOURSE TO PEACEFUL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEANS AND THE AFRICAN SPIRIT IN SETTLEING DISPUTES SO THAT THEY MAY NOT OPEN THE DOOR FOR FOREIGN INTERVENTION WHICH COULD PROVIDE A PRETEXT FOR FURTHER INTERVENTION.

(G) URGES MEMBER STATES TO ADHERE STRICTLY TO THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-ALIGNMENT IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE CONTINENT FROM BEING TURNED INTO A THEATER OF INTERNATIONAL CONFRONTATION AND AMBITIOUS DESIGNS. END TEXT

2. COM RESOLUTIONS WERE REPORTEDLY DRAFTED BY SUDANESE AND IN A SENSE REFLECT SUDANESE, AS WELL AS MANY OAU STATES', CONCERNS ABOUT SUPER-POWER REVALRY IN AFRICA. RESOLUTION B APPEARS DIRECTED MAINLY AT FRENCH, WHO ARE ONLY ON-AFRICAN COUNTRY WITH FORMAL MILITARY ALLIANCES AND PACTS WITH AFRICAN STATES. HOWEVER, LIBREVILLE RESOLUTION CITED THEREIN, CALLED ON ALL EXTRA-AFRICAN POWERS, PARTICULARLY THE BIG ONES, TO REFRAIN FROM INTERFERING IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF AFRICAN STATES, WHICH NATURALLY COULD BE CONSTRUED TO MEAN THE SOVIET UNION.

3. RESOLUTION D ESSENTIALLY REAFFIRMS INDIVIDUAL STATE SOVEREIGNTY, AS IN PAST. RESOLUTION E APPEARS TO ADDRESS ITSELF TO NUMBER OF MEMBER STATES' CONCERNS, I.E. ZAIRE/

ANGOLA, ETHIOPIA/SUDAN, LIBYA/CHAD, AND MAURITANIAN/
MOROCCO/ALGERIA. RESOLUTIONS C AND F REFLECT LANGUAGE
SIMILAR TO SECSTATE VANCE'S ATLANTIC CITY SPEECH AND
RECOGNIZE THAT INTER-AFRICAN DISPUTES INVITE FOREIGN
INTERVENTION. RESOLUTION G REITERATES AN INCREASINGLY
GROWING THEME OF THESE OAU MEETINGS, THAT MEMBER STATES
SHOULD ADHERE STRICTLY TO PRINCIPLES OF NON-ALIGNMENT
TO PREVENT AFRICA FROM BECOMING ARENA OF INTERNATIONAL
CONFRONTATION AND AMBITIOUS DESIGNS.

4. ALTHOUGH NOT RESOLVING TO TAKE ANY STRONG ACTION,
COM HAS FORECEFULLY REINFORCED FOUNDING PRINCIPLES OF OAU
AND FOUND ACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE TO EXPRESS OAU'S DESIRE,
EVEN THOUGH NOT WELL OBSERVED BY EVERY MEMBER STATES, TO
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